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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN TERMINATION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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1. PURSUANT FIRST REFTEL AND SUBSEQUENT TEL COOS WITH
ARA/ECA, DCM CALLED ON AMB HOLANDA CAVALCANTI OF FOREIGN
MINISTER'S CABINET CAPRIL 22 TO ELICIT EXACT INFORMATION AS
TO GOB INTENTIONS IN REFUSING US MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS
STATED IN ITS MARCH 4 NOTE. HE NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD
TO PASS ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO OMB NEXT WEEK CONCERNING
AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED FY 1978 SECQWUTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS, AND HENCE IT HAS
BECOME A MATTER OF URGENCY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY
GOB'S INTENTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, DID GOB INTEND TO RENOUNCE
ONLY FUNDED ASSISTANCE, I.E., \$50 MILLION IN FMSCR AND
\$100,000 IMET, OR DID IT ALSO INTEND TO RENOUNCE CASH
PURCHASES UNDER FMS?

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH INTERESTED BRAZILIAN AGENCIES,
CAVALCATI RPLIED THAT GOB IS READY TO ACCEPT FULL
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CONSEQUENCES OF ITS MARCH 4 NOTE, HE SAID GOB WANTS TO DECLINE ANY
KIND OF ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS COVERED
BY LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE US TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON
MATTERS WHICH BRAZIL CONSIDERS ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS: "EVERYTHING
COVERED BY THIS REQUIREMENT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION."

3. CAVALCANTI SAID GOB WAS NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT THE

IMPLICATIONS OF THIS POSITION WOULD BE, BECAUSE THE US LEGISLATION IS VERY COMPLEX. DCM TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REFER TO OUR OFFER TO BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN LEGAL COMPLEXITIES (SECOND REFTEL), AND TO THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY'S RESPONSE THAT GOB WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL ITS OWN STUDIES OF IMPLICATIONS OF ITS ACTION HAD BEEN COMPLETED. EXPLAINING THE GOB RESPONSE, CAVALCANTI SAID IT WAS AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO'S UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WERE PROPOSING A TWO-WAY DISCUSSION TO EVALUATE THE IMPLICATIONS JOINTLY AND "SYNCHRONIZE THE CLOCKS," AND THAT GOB FELT UNPREPARED FOR SUCH A MEETING AT THIS STAGE. HAD THE EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD THE MEETING WAS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIEFING THE BRAZILIAN SIDE, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ACCEPTABLE, HE SAID. CAVALCANTI CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE GOB WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION THE USG HAD ON THIS SUBJECT, EITHER IN WRITING OR ORALLY.

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